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WITHIN THE WEEK

We are in a period of paradoxes. This wk we view JOHN L. LEWIS and WM L. GREEN (in one of their rare moments of agreement) appearing before a Senate subcommittee to urge higher wages, shorter hrs. A few blocks away OPA was telling nation's producers and distributors that new peacetime goods must be priced at '42 levels. Labor leaders won't get all they seek. Nor will '42 prices prevail. But it's a lesson in Washington's countless contradictions.

CONGRESS: Legislators face staggering burden. Need for streamlined procedure was never more apparent. High on agenda: unemployment compensation and future of selective service. Some upping of compensation for released war workers looks pretty certain. We think less than Pres TRUMAN suggested. Insiders expected big public furore on continued draft of 18'ers, with some draft board rebellion. Condition that really disturbs is growing coldness on Capitol hill. Lawmakers are agin' it. Unless majority leaders can change attitude, looks bleak for Administration program—and for early release of many veteran servicemen, who must hold fort till reinforcements come.

FRANCE: In weighing portent of conference between Pres Tru-

man and Gen'l DE GAULLE keep in mind our earlier forecast that Gen'l is presently to be shorn of much of his power. Extreme leftists are now clearly ascendant. However, DE GAULLE remains personally popular, a nat'l hero, and a force to be reckoned with.

BRITAIN: Some hubbub over ending of lend-lease is stage setting. Britain's foreign exchange reserve is greater than at beginning of war—nearly \$3½ billion. About \$1½ billion is in American securities. Reluctance to use this for subsistence is understandable. New gov't wants to husband resources for mach'y and materials to increase industrial capacity. Expect some U S aid for British economy but not as soon or as much as desired.

CHINA: Armed truce born of wartime emergency is now off. Present conference between Yen-an leaders and CHIANG-KAI-SHEK bears close watching. Fact that Russia will side with U S to support CHIANG's Kuomintang may be decisive factor forcing peace.

PHILIPPINES: Report of WMO director McNUTT (who was once Philippine high commissioner) is on President's desk. Gen'l belief is that it won't make pleasant reading; may spotlight danger of civil war. (McNUTT will NOT be high commissioner if one is appointed now, which is doubtful.)



SHIFTING SANDS

Gov't agencies which yr ago talked glibly of settling service men on the land, are now strangely silent. Surveys indicate that NET need for farm labor will be slightly less than prewar. This decline is due to improved techniques to increase productivity of land and greater use of farm mach'y. Most veterans who came from farms may ret'n if they wish; older farmers want to retire, take things easier. But there's little encouragement for inexperienced servicemen who wants to turn to agriculture. . . Here's best guess of experts on industries likely to offer prime employment prospects in next 2 yrs: Construction, Rubber, Transportation, Chemicals, Electrical Mach'y, Food Products. . . Airlines have been frankly skeptical of pilots from armed forces for commercial flying, assuming their training and experience fostered recklessness. These doubts proved unfounded. Retrained and indoctrinated, ex-military pilots are o.k.



FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE MENTALLY MAROONED

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"HE WHO NEVER QUOTES, IS NEVER QUOTED"

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

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"Surrender Here—Best Food—Free Transportation."—Signposts on Mindanao, in the Philippines, welcoming Japanese who wished to surrender.

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"The eyes of the world will be upon you."—Radio Tokyo addressing women, advising them they must take a greater interest in science and politics, produce more commodities and bear more children.

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"The workers of this generation have had to fight to establish their freedom; and they do not understand that they have got to stop fighting to preserve their freedom."—DONALD L. RICHBERG.

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"From what I have seen of Japanese soldiers I don't think they're the sort of people we want to associate with anyway."—M/Sgt ROBERT G. ABBOTT, AAF mechanic, discussing question of fraternization in occupied Japan.

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"I wish to say thank you from the bottom of my heart. That is the sort of thing which will make living together easier and get rid of these damnable wars."—Gen'l DWIGHT EISENHOWER, thanking people of Belfast, Northern Ireland, for their hospitality to American troops.

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"It was worth losing the \$10."—Dr J. R. OPPENHEIMER, U of Calif physicist credited by War Dep't with harnessing atomic energy for military purposes, lost \$10 when very 1st test proved success of bomb. He had wagered that a certain portion of the experiment would fail, had to pay up when it didn't.

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"It was the most wonderful thing that ever happened to any man."—WILLIAM HALLICY, 50-yr-old Seabee who recently rec'd his honorable discharge after 22 mo's overseas, ret'd home to find his nursery business ruined by a fire in his absence. On his return, his competitors contributed several thousand dollars' worth of new stock to set him up in business again.

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"Military service has not submerged the dignity of the individual."—Gen'l OMAR T. BRADLEY.

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"Whaddya mean by GI?"—Marine pvt, a Wake Island veteran, after being rescued from Japanese prison camp in the China Theater.

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"I'm going back to live in a house 500 yrs old in a hick town."—PAMELA MORRISON, 15-yr-old English girl, returning home after being evacuated to the U S 5 yrs ago.

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"I take this opportunity to announce to the entire world that we have the best damn airport in the whole world."—Mayor LA GUARDIA, after signing leases for N Y City's Idlewild Airport.

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"Where did we use (the atomic bomb) against you?"—Eager question of Lt Col SHIZUME SUSHIMI of the Jap army at a mountain surrender conference on northern Luzon. Dumbfounded when told that we had used the bomb, not they, the Japanese said he understood Japan had such a weapon nearly perfected when he left the homeland.

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"(Such a project) is entirely out of keeping with everything that Ernie ever did, or said or thought or was."—Mrs ERNIE PYLE, asking that the proposed multi-million dollar park and cemetery memorial at Dana and Terre Haute, Ind, being promoted in honor of her famous husband be abandoned immediately. Her request has set the Ernie Pyle Memorial Committee back on its heels since much of the money has already been collected.

"The most frightening thing about the depression which followed World War I is that it was eradicated only by World War II."—Sen JOSEPH C. O'MAHONEY.

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"If we are going to have a fight between private and gov't plants I'll go up to the mountains for a vacation. That's the kind of talk that leads to panics."—HENRY J. KAISER, Western industrialist.

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"I wouldn't dare live with a marine."—Pvt JACK M. GORDON, after fighting in the S Pacific for 2 yrs, decided he didn't like Marines. His wife, who joined the Marines, was granted a divorce.

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"Excuse me, but I wanted to see how it would feel to whistle at a girl in peacetime. Before the war I was too young to do it."—Soldier at Davis-Monthan airfield, Arizona, apologizing after whistling at a Wac private.

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"It is downright stupid to keep a whole lot of divisions here now when a few bombers and some atomic bombs would keep the Germans in line. Of course, we might need 50,000 MPs to keep order, but it's OK with me if they leave the MPs over here forever."—A cpl in army of occupation in Germany.

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"Yes, I'm goin' home—lordy, lordy!"—Lanky Texan who alternately shouted and sang *Deep in the Heart of Texas* while waiting for his last pay check at Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp in San Diego, Calif. Asked why he wished to return to Texas, the fellow replied: "Have mah baby bawn in Calif? You must be crazy!"

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"In all the yrs I've been calling I've found one thing. The minute people choose their partners or link hands for a square dance, race, color and creed are wiped out . . . There's no room for prejudice when people are having a good time."—Ed DURLACHER, leading the music at a dance at a Manhattan roller-skating rink. (quoted by JUDITH KLEIN in the N Y Herald-Tribune.)

"Back to Bataan—It's a Pleasure!"—Sign on Lexington, Ky, theater marquee, advertising double feature.

"I'll write my memoirs. Do you think there would be a market for them in the U S?"—Gen'l MAKATO ONODERA, military attache of the Jap legation in Sweden, announcing that his post-war plans are already mapped out.

"No hits, no runs, no errors."—Adm OSCAR C BADGER's report to Adm HALSEY after his naval task force steamed without incident thru a narrow channel lined with 16-inch coastal guns and dropped anchor in Tokyo Bay.

"Poor creature! He looks simply terrible."—Mrs JONATHAN M WAINWRIGHT, commenting on wire photo of her husband, released from Jap prison. Lt Gen'l WAINWRIGHT, hero of Bataan, arrived mid-wk at Chungking, plans to join Gen'l MACARTHUR in Tokyo after a rest.

"Whose daughter is she, or is she a movie star?"—Alderman JAMES F FAHY, of New Haven, Conn, noticing a Doris Ann Lane on the agenda of the Bd of Aldermen. Doris Ann Lane turned out to be 400 ft long, 45 ft wide, was officially accepted by the aldermen as another New Haven city street.

"We believed we owed them more than a firm handclasp and a cheery 'well done' when peace put an end to their jobs."—J NELSON STUART, Gen'l Mgr of Johnson & Johnson Chicago defense plant commended by WMC for advertising to other employers that 750 workers it was forced to lay off were the "cream of the crop" for peacetime jobs.

"The staff was merely following a long-standing rule."—MARSHAL JONES, Mgr of Willard Hotel in Washington, which refused to allow a Congressional Medal of Honor winner with his family to be served in the dining room because the father was not wearing a coat. Hastily apologizing upon discovering his identity, the soldier and his family were guests of the hotel 2 days later.

"The only answer to a split atom is a united world."—FRANK KINGDOM, in a radio broadcast substituting for WALTER WINCHELL.

"Since the start of the war, the average kid has had far too much spending money—and society may eventually have to foot the bill."—Dr M E JOHN, prof Rural Sociology, Pa State college.

"Let your strength and your decency govern every action in relation to the Japanese."—Adm Wm F HALSEY, cautioning all 3rd Fleet personnel against fraternization with either military or civilians of Japan.

"Looking like Lincoln is a great responsibility."—DONALD TURNEY, bearded ex-serviceman, who emphasizes resemblance to Civil War pres by dressing and talking in LINCOLN manner. (Last wk TURNEY walked sts of LINCOLN's Springfield, Ill, seeking a job.)

"We're starting our express service immediately."—L O SCARBORO, chief of detectives, Miami Fla, police force, announcing revival of "hobo express" founded in '27. Police chain system gives "bum's rush" to undesirables, propels them across state line into Ga.

"We feel we have a basis for companionship which we don't want to lose and this club is our way of preserving it."—Pfc RALPH K STEWART, pres of new and exclusive veterans' club formed at Bushnell Gen'l Hospital in Utah. Called the Bilateral Leg Amputee Club of America, its membership is limited to men who lost both legs in battle.

"I can't predict. I don't know whether the Emperor's white horse survived the bombing."—Admiral RAYMOND A SPRUANCE, 5th fleet commander, asked at a press conference whether he thought Admiral HALSEY would really ride Emperor HIROHITO's white horse thru Tokyo. SPRUANCE added with a twinkle, "And I also don't know how long it has been since Halsey has ridden a white horse."

"By 1947, unless somebody takes up the slack, Calif will have 450,000 unemployed."—Col ALEXANDER HERON, California Director of Re-conversion and Re-employment.

"I couldn't even tell you what time it is at the Oak Ridge plant."—Army Officer emphasizing War Dep't policy of continued secrecy on every detail relating to atomic bomb.

"Churchmen pat themselves on the back because of debt clearance, new Sunday School rooms, etc. But where are their rehabilitation programs for servicemen? I don't hear of any."—Lt-Col GORDON REESS, exec sec'y Army & Navy commission, Episcopal church, asserting that American churches neglect spiritual welfare of the veteran.

"In going to 85 points they took out my first team. If they go to 80 points, they will take out the 2nd team. I can't land in Japan with a 3rd team."—Gen'l WALTER KRUEGER, commander of the 6th Army, contending that removal of high score men lowers the efficiency of the outfit.



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MINING THE MAGAZINES

Modern Man is Obsolete, An Editorial, NORMAN COUSINS, *Saturday Review of Literature*, 8-18-'45.

... Modern man is obsolete, a self-made anachronism becoming more incongruous by the minute. . . (If he is to survive) there must be a transformation from national man to world man. Already he has become a world warrior; it is but one additional step—tho a long one—for him to develop a world conscience. This is sheer necessity for his own survival. He shall have to recognize the flat truth that the greatest obsolescence of all in the Atomic Age is national sovereignty. . .

Reject all other arguments for *real* world gov't. Consider only the towering problem of policing the atom,—the problem of keeping the smallest particle of matter from destroying all matter. We are bldg on soap bubbles if we expect this problem to be automatically solved by having America, Britain and Canada keep the secret. That would stimulate other nations to add'l research. . . We must not forget that we were not the only horse in the atomic derby; we just happened to finish first.

Far from banishing war, the atomic bomb will in itself constitute a cause of war. In the absence of world control, as part of world gov't, it will create universal fear and suspicion. Each nation will live nervously from one moment to the next, not knowing whether the designs or ambitions of other nations might prompt them to attempt a lightning blow of obliteration. . . There is one way and only one to achieve effective control of destructive atomic energy and that is thru centralized world gov't.

ABUNDANCE

One of the worst of all limiting thoughts is that we must deprive others of things in order that we may have more for ourselves. Actually, the way to increase our own wealth is thru helping others to get more.

When we complain of lack of supply we are like the man who refused to breathe air, arguing that the supply was limited, and thus lost his usefulness. Air, which is free, must be used. So must goodness, generosity, helpfulness, thoughtfulness and kindness be used if we are to enjoy the benefits they carry.—*The Wright Line*, hm, Wright & Co.

ATOMIC BOMB

Story-tellers in number have played daringly with the test tubes of science and produced fictional weapons or formulae capable of ending the world at a blow. In such tales, there has always been some level-headed fellow around who, at the last minute, destroyed the blue-prints, or dropped the weapon into the sea, or emptied the little vial of colorless liquid down the drain, saying, "Gentlemen, this is too dangerous a secret for anybody to possess. There, it is gone forever!"

I have been scanning the newspapers uneasily for that level-headed fellow, wondering if this time he has been left out of the script.—VINCENT STARRETT, "Books Alive," *Chicago Tribune*.

CO-OPERATION

As long as it takes a common enemy to draw nations together, we're afraid the millennium isn't here.—*Banking*.

DECISION

Life is served *a la carte*. You have the right to choose. That is what we mean, we theologians, when we talk about "freedom of the will." Many things are forced upon us, but the most important factors in life are our own choices. But a certain result always follows every choice. Make your choice and you get the result, inevitably.—ROY L. SMITH, editorial, *Christian Advocate*.

DEMOCRACY

Democracy is a raft that will not sink, but your feet are always in the water.—FISHER AMES, *American Affairs*.

They DO Say . . .

Peace hath its problems no less vexatious than those of war. Western Union, with a messenger staff in the upper age brackets, is wondering and worrying about delay of those singing telegrams. They fear the senile cackles may not be up to operative standards of an earlier era. . . Newest of the newsletters is *Electron*, devoted to electronics and television. . . GEO SESSIONS PERRY, launching "Cities of America," series for *Sat Eve Post* calls Kansas City "the crossroads of America," a term that traditionally belongs to Indianapolis. . . *PM* reports a card featuring Bible Wk flanked by a Calvert whisky poster and an ad for Anacin. . . Commenting on patriotic necessity for "dressing narrowly" in period of material shortage, *Vogue* aptly points out that feminine silhouette has changed "about as much as the contour of a match." . . . Even with paper controls off, don't expect all those new mags to blossom on stands next mo. There's still problem of *getting* paper; backers must see sustained supply for mo's ahead.

ENTERPRISE

The Chamber of Commerce of the U S has in its employ a colored citizen named Jackson. . . who pilots elevators and does other chores, but on the side lugs a shoe-shining kit from office to office in pursuit of a highly individualistic free enterprise.

One day somebody asked Jackson: "How do you always seem to know when I need a shine? When my shoes are rusty looking, you pop in. When they aren't, you don't."

Jackson grinned. "That's easy," he said. "I don't have time to wander around huntin' business. When I'm on the elevator in the morning, I watch people's feet as

they come in. I remember what feet need service. Then I follow the feet to their desks. That way, I sort of keep a jump ahead."—GERALD MOVIOUS, "Adventures in Thinking Ahead," *Nation's Business*, 8-'45.

FUTURE

Mathematicians report the discovery of a new and entirely incomprehensible geometric shape. If this turns out to be the shape of things to come we shall not be greatly surprised.—*Cincinnati Enquirer*.

GERMAN—Relations

Why not counter the Nazi attempt to create chaos by dealing with Germany in the same spirit as that in which we dealt with China a generation ago? After the passing of the 1st outburst of rage and lust for punishment, change came over the American mind. The result was the Boxer Indemnity Fund, with hundreds of Chinese given an opportunity for a modern education, both in China and in this country. And the further result was that friendship between China and the U S which, despite everything, remains one of the few solid achievements of modern statecraft.—*Christian Century*.

HATE

Hate is something that should be banished from our lives. Never should we hold and hoard our hatreds. Travelers say that in Polynesia, where the natives spend much time in fighting and feasting, it is customary for a man to keep some reminders of his hatreds. Articles are suspended from the ceiling of the house to keep alive the memory of the wrongs. Each night as a man goes to bed he looks up and is reminded of his hate; each morning as he wakes up he is reminded again.—Rev BERNARD E BAIN, "As We Forgive," *Christian Observer*, 8-22-45.

LANGUAGE—Foreign

Knowledge of a foreign language and the ability to pronounce it are, like marriage and courtship, two entirely different matters. . . . A witty French politician who was often called upon to make after-

dinner speeches while visiting other countries, but was not at all good at foreign languages, gave the following advice: "Pronounce the words you are not sure of exactly as they are written and then laugh. People will think you are just making a joke."—ANITA DANIEL, "Our Local Boom in Foreign Tongues," *N Y Times Magazine*, 8-12-'45.

LAW—Lawyers

The famous Choate, than whom there was never a shrewder cross-examiner, was questioning a witness in an assault case in which his client was the accused. He maneuvered the fellow into admitting that he hadn't actually seen the offense committed.

"So," purred the famous att'y, "you say you didn't actually see the defendant bite off this man's ear?" "Naw," growled the witness, "I didn't see him bite it off. I just seen him spit it out on the ground!"

The jury roared—and Choate knew full well he had lost his case on that one break.—PAUL W KEARNEY, "When You Take the Witness Stand," *Redbook*, 8-'45.

ORIGIN—Honeymoon

Honeymoons are a relic from the days when a bridegroom captured his bride by force and had to hide away with his prize until her kinsmen grew tired of searching for her.—*Silhouette*.

POSTWAR—Planning

A new warfare is demanded, not less difficult and dangerous than the old, where all men and all women are soldiers—the warfare against ignorance and incompetence, the 2 chief enemies of mankind.—L P JACKS, *Education of the Whole Man*. (Harper)

PRAYER—Benefits

Mahatma Gandhi says that after a time of prayer he is capable of far greater am'ts of work. A doctor testified as a medical fact that his blood pressure was lowered by it, his nerves became calmer, his mind became rested and more alert, and his whole body was benefited. Prayer, for him, proved a greater power than any offering of medicine or modern science.



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Service men's centers and other groups serving soldiers with volunteer labor report war's end has brought noticeable slackening of interest. They emphasize point that G I can be even more lonesome today—and more in need of help—than in period before V-J Day. "This is time we really need your help," they tell volunteers.

Revenue officers in the Ky-Tenn area are organizing to again cope with moonshining activities. They believe high cost of legal liquor, and the \$9-a-gal tax will lure many to outlaw production, particularly now that period of high wages in war industries is passing. Scarcity of sugar is only limitation.

In their frenzied rush to cancel orders for war materials, Army and Navy dep'ts are naturally making some mistakes. Number of good stories are certain to develop. We heard one last wk. Large producer of kraft containers rec'd the standard telegraphic instructions to cease and desist. Checking, he found the order in question had been filled, billed and paid for last June!

If you are among the thousands to whom Internal Revenue dep't owes a refund on '44 income tax, don't conclude that Uncle Sam has forgotten. Checks are being processed rapidly as possible. You should have yours in a few wks.

Biggest promotion in many yrs is under way for Nat'l Sunday School Wk, Sept 16-23. J Edgar Hoover is taking active part, asserting Sunday-School-trained kids rarely develop criminal tendencies. Emphasis will be on 17 million churchless children in U S.



CONSTRUCTION: Aluminum will be one of 1st of new bldg materials on mkt. Already developed is a combination wood and aluminum sheet; provides great strength, rigidity, attractiveness, as well as protection from fire, heat, cold, termites. (*Reynolds Metals Co*)

On the way to mkt is a revolving window so designed that both sides may be cleaned from inside. Gadget also permits setting of window for indirect drafts, allows windows to keep open during storms without rain coming in. (*Change, Caldwell-Baker Co.*)

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HEATING & VENTILATING: Push-button furnace with automatic arm that dips in bin, feeds fire-box, soon to be announced by anthracite industry, in effort to combat oil, gas, bin-fed stoker. (*Pathfinder*)

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PHOTOGRAPHY: Revolutionary new still camera will use 16 mm movie film. Weighs 7 lbs, resembles pipe; fits in purse or pocket.

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PROCESSES: Experiments in natural gas fields of Texas indicate that it may be profitable to extract from gas one of the so-called mother chemicals basic to the manufacture of plastics—acetylene. Students of newly-developed process assert acetylene can be produced from natural gas at half cost of extracting from carbide. Method involves treatment of gas by high-voltage electricity. (*Univ of Texas*)

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SURGERY: Human skin stored 3 wks has been used successfully in grafts on badly burned servicemen. Volunteers contributed in manner of blood bank. Science studies peacetime possibility of "skin-bank". (*Grit*)

PRICE—Control

The town of Taranto, Italy, has no OPA board, but it solved its price-celling problem very quickly. The citizens had complained about outlandish prices, but the merchants only laughed. Finally some angry townsmen set to sawing and hammering in the town square. At sunset they had erected a fine new gallows—and at dawn the next day, every merchant in town had marked down his goods to normal.—*This Wk.*

PROGRESS—and Economy

The cost of light we now use in our homes would be \$4 billion more per yr than we now pay, if we had to use carbon lamps.—*Vagabond.*

RACISM—and The Church

The distance between the church's profession and its practice is at once the source of humor and cynicism among non-church people. Nowhere is this gap more apparent than in the church's dealing with—or frantic attempts to escape dealing with—racism. And yet the teaching of Jesus on this matter is so clear and unequivocal that it cannot possibly be misunderstood. As a matter of fact, it is not misunderstood. What we have is not misunderstanding but a simple blank refusal to accept the authority of Jesus over this important area of human relations.—*ALSON J SMITH, "What Ails the Church?" American Mercury, 8-'45.*

REPARTEE

Once when Clarence Darrow was a fledgling lawyer beginning his career, he was opposed in court by a veteran att'y who, during the course of the trial repeatedly and insultingly referred to Darrow as "that beardless youth."

At length Darrow rejoined: "My opponent seems to condemn me for not having a beard. Let me reply with a story. The King of Spain once dispatched a youthful nobleman to a court of a neighboring king, who rec'd the visitor with the outraged complaint: 'Does the King of Spain lack men, that he sends me a beardless boy?' To which the ambassador rejoined, 'Sir, if my King had supposed you imputed wisdom to a beard he would have sent you a goat.'" Darrow won the case.—*Kreolite News.*

SERVICE—to Others

One day an old umbrella mender knocked at the back door; and we gave him a job. As he mended the broken and torn umbrella, he seemed to take unusual pains, testing the cloth, carefully measuring and strongly sewing the covers, so we remarked: "You seem unusually careful."

"Yes," he said without looking up. "I try to do good work."

"But," we suggested, "your customers would not know the difference until you were gone. . . Perhaps you expect to come back this way again some day?"

"No, I shall probably not come back."

"Then why are you so particular?"

"So it will be easier for the man who follows me," he ans'd simply. "If I put on shoddy cloth or do bad work, my customers will find it out in a few wks, and the next old umbrella mender who comes along will get the cold shoulder."—*Religious Telescope.*

SERVICEMEN—Return

You hear persons say, "These boys are going to be such a problem when they come home. . ." My feeling is that those of us who stayed home will be the problem, not these boys. We shall have to be careful or some of them will wish they had never come home.—*CHAS S TIPPETTS, headmaster, Mercersburg academy.*

THOUGHT

Common diseases that are in circulation fasten themselves on the weak physical body. The attitudes which destroy world unity fasten themselves on the weak and sluggish minds. It is much easier to repeat the latest views heard at the barber shop, the bridge table, or the professional club than to become intellectually active. World unity will be in danger so long as people will not think for themselves.—*JOHN M RATCLIFF, "Educating Citizens for a United World," Christian Leader, 7-'45.*

WORK—Aversion to

If people liked to work, we'd still be plowing the ground with sticks and transporting goods on our backs.—*WM FEATHER.*

Casey Bats Out Two Hits

The publishing house of Bobbs-Merrill made history recently by issuing on the same day two war books by ROBT J CASEY, veteran correspondent of Chicago Daily News. One, *This is Where I Came In* (\$3) covers events leading up to D-Day and closing wks of the war in Europe. The other, *Battle Below* (\$3.50) is the dramatic story of our submarine warfare. Written in the spring of '43 the mss was held up for security reasons until June '45. We excerpt in the order noted above.

Whether there was something essentially more murderous about the buzz-bombs than there had been in the less spectacular crumps of the old blitz, it became evident that they were killing a lot more people. These bombs were the size of parachute land mines that had wiped out large sections in '40. But they seemed to lack penetration. As against that, they had terrific lateral blast. When one lit in an open space, it was likely to smash all glass within a quarter of a mi, and kill everybody within a radius of 2 blocks.

There was no doubt about the effect on the nerves of London. But not everybody was leaving town. . . Stella Monson was staying. Wife of war correspondent Ronald Monson, she was ill in bed in her flat in Tavistock Court. "You're asking for it if you stay here," her friend, Mrs Harris insisted. "If you won't think of yourself, think of your baby."

"That's what I am thinking," Stella ans'd. "The doctor told me to stay flat on my back—and I'm staying."

I began to understand. To Stella, the issue was clear. If she stayed where she was two persons had a chance to live. If she underwent the strain of a ride to the country, one was likely to die.

Stella looked at her watch. "You'll be seeing one presently. If it's one of our lot it will be coming right over the middle of Bush House."

There was no trouble seeing it. The dark airplane looked like an oversize beetle. It was coming in fast and seemed heading straight for the window. None of us moved to get out of the way. I don't think we could have moved, even if there had been any point in it. The inevitability of its course was awesome.

Then, suddenly, an updraft caught it and it wavered, slanting

downward across the British Museum. In another 2 or 3 seconds the blast came up with enough force to shake our bldg. Over a few blocks to the southwest a streak of flame and a dense billow of smoke shot a hundred ft into the sky. As the deafening echoes died away, I heard Stella's voice: "Oh, those poor people!" she said. "Those poor people!"

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A whole folklore has arisen about these retiring rooms (aboard submarines) and their ingenious mechanisms. There is a considerable book of anecdotes about distinguished personages with no previous knowledge of such matters. A captain transferred from an old trainer with no conveniences to a new boat was in trouble for many hrs. He knew if he ever started to ask questions he would have no peace forever after. He reasoned that somewhere aboard would be a set of specifications and blue prints. At a crucial moment he found what he sought and—with an armload of instructions—he retired.

Commander Jack Crenshaw once told me of a visit he had paid to Hamburg in '19. He was ensign aboard the 1st U S vessel to enter port after the Armistice, and was assigned to go ashore and escort the German admiral on his official visit. When Mr Crenshaw stepped ashore, it was explained that the admiral had gone to inspect a submarine and would be back shortly. When he failed to ret'n, the captain showed signs of concern. "We'd better go and look for him," he suggested.

They boarded the sub and found the admiral where apparently the captain had expected to find him. And he blessed their opportune arrival. He had pulled the wrong lever and produced a vacuum of 25 lbs to the sq inch, and he couldn't get off the seat.



Home

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Home is a little world in the big world. It's the modest frame surrounded by vacant lots on the fringe of the city. It's the Suburbia show place with trim lawns and carefully tended flowers beds. It's the second-story flat above a corner notions store, past which trucks, street cars and automobiles clang and clatter from dawn to dark and back again. It's the brick cottage on the wrong side of the tracks, grayed and aged by the smoke from factory stacks. It's the glamorous penthouse atop a hotel which caters to the carriage trade.

Home is a hundred other places: Back of a row of elms on a quiet residential street; in the middle of scores of other houses in a modern cliff-dwelling; on the shore of a placid lake; in the center of a mid-western prairie.

Home is other things, too. It is the scene of our greatest joys; the place where sorrows are easiest to bear. It is safe harbor to children; rest and relaxation to a man after the day's work is done. It is the domain of woman; the goal of the faraway serviceman. Home is the cornerstone of a community. It is the hope of the nation; the abode of faith, love and devotion. Home is the cathedral of the family.—*Phoenix Flame*, hm, Phoenix Metal Cap Co.

WORK—Interest in

Work is love made visible. If you bake bread with indifference, you bake a bitter bread that feeds but half man's hunger.—KAHIL GIBRAN.

At the end of a concert in Lewisohn Stadium the other night, we were glad to note that a couple of ushers ahead of us were applauding harder than anybody else. We were just beginning to work up a little homily about where true lovers of music are to be found when one of the ushers stopped applauding. "Keep clapping, dope," the other said sharply. "One more encore and we're on overtime."—*New Yorker*.

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The teacher of a primary class in Sunday School was mildly hipped on the happiness theme. It was her custom on Sabbath mornings to inquire of each tiny tot what he or she had done in the course of the week to make some person happy.

When it came little Eunice's turn she deliberated for some time and finally said, "Well, I spent an afternoon at my aunt's house—and when I went home she was happy."



OF THE WEEK

RECONVERSION: the period in which we argue which will come back 1st—the chicken or the egg.

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Rats as big as rabbits are reported scurrying about Hitler's wrecked chancellory. That's an improvement—they used to be as big as human beings.—*Parade*.

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To build that new world, we'll need fewer architects and more bricklayers.—*The Slipstream*.

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By now, the Japs must be wishing they had a Chinaman's chance.

GOOD STORIES YOU CAN USE

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

A high-ranking Marine officer, who prefers not to be identified, tells us that this story is the current "big laugh" thru-out the Pacific theater. It is, needless to say, wholly apocryphal. We have no direct evidence on Gen'l MacARTHUR's accomplishments, but Adm NIMITZ is an able swimmer.

Adm Nimitz and Gen'l MacArthur went fishing together. In a sudden squall, the boat capsized, and the eminent fighting men were floundering helplessly in the water.

The Admiral was first to reach the boat. With the aid of an oar, he finally got the Gen'l aboard. "Now, Mac," he cautioned, "don't mention this to anyone. I'd be disgraced if the men of the Navy learned I can't swim."

"Don't worry," MacArthur replied. "Your secret is safe. I'd hate to have my men find out I can't walk on water."

A maiden lady from the city was spending her vacation on a mid-western farm. Arising at what seemed to her the unprecedentedly early hr of 7, she found that the farmer had breakfasted and was well along with the chores.

"Ah," said the sentimental urbanite, inhaling briskly, "how glorious to be up at the dawning of a new day. And look! The larks are on the wing!"

The agriculturist looked up to observe a doz sparrows flitting by. "Yeah," he said dryly, not bothering to correct the ornithological error, "I reckon they must be knockin' off fer lunch."

A colored woman had frowned on her husband for many days. Then, like a burst of sunshine from a cloudy sky, she smiled.

"Does that mean, honey, that you forgives me?"

"Go on away, you rascal, I was just restin' ma face."—*Christian Union Herald*.

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Several WACs in London were riding a crowded bus. One of them managed to get a seat but a Limey standing nearby kept falling into her lap. Finally, she accused him sweetly of being a laplander.

The Limey guffawed and later, when recounting the incident, said: "And do you know what she called me? A bloomin' Eskimo. Haw!"—*Flaming Bomb*.

